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Serial No.: 09/997,601 Group Art Unit: 1647
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MS: AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 10, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed with a Petition for Extension of time for one month with necessary fees. Also attached are articles by (i) Schnabel *et al.*, (ii) Zhang *et al.* and an Information Disclosure Statement accompanies these references with necessary fees.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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